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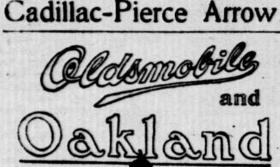
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TO ENLARGE STANDS. Comiskey's Big Park to Be Improved at Cost of \$100,000.

CHICAGO, January 10 .- President ComcHICAGO, January 10.—President Comiskey of the Chicago American Leag e club is figuring on spending \$100,000 in increasing the seating capacity of his base ball park.

The plans include the extension of the second deck of the grandstand at each end so as to cover the pavilion back of first and third bases, and the extension of the present bleachers.

Comiskey says that he saw the need for further seating space during the city championship series last fall, when several thousand persons were turned away from the park after all seats, had been

GEORGETOWN QUINT ENDS PRACTICE GAMES TONIGHT

After Contest With Loyola This Evening Blue and Gray Will Meet Teams at Least Its Equal in Strength.

BY H. C. BYRD.

The Georgetown basket ball team will end its practice season tonight. So far

games will be played, when St. John's Col-and plunge for distance. lege of Brooklyn is to be met. Last season St. John's lost but one game, and that was to the alumni five. Among the large schools that were defeated was Yale. is practically certain from the fact that the veterans who composed the five last the best possible shape for the spring year are the ones who will make up the events, and possibly may enter one or

After the game with St. John's will come Washington and Lee, Virginia, North Carolina, University of Pittsburgh, cess the Blue and Gray quint must show some mighty good basket ball, and that t has given every evidence of being able

Two teams from the Carroll Institute were victors in basket ball last night in the two classes in the Washington City Basket Ball League. The regular five won from the stalwart quint from the Y. M. C. A., while the second team won from the Memorial Athletic Club in the class B series. The first game was easily other had to go an extra period before it was finished. Deagnon saved the Carroll reserves from defeat by tossing a remarkable goal from a difficult angle, with only a few seconds to play, thus necessitating an extra period, in which

Conflicting reports are being given out with a great deal of regularity regarding the date for a foot ball game for ext between Georgetown and Vir in a. that something really definite will be e auspices of the George Washington Uni-ceived. Whether or not Virginia has made versity. It is claimed that there will be any decision regarding the game for next fall is a question. At any rate the e nast been nothing official given out. The Charlottesville authorities seem to be watting for something—what, nobody seems to know-but it is evident that they are ex-

have dual meets with the Baltimore to Philadelphia and probably New York.
Dual meets will also be held with the
other clubs in Baltimore. The first events of the season will take

ing are as follows: Fifty-yard dash, 50from the local institution.

Monday night the first of the really hard swim, 80-yard back stroke, 80-yard breast

> New York. Harry Gissing and Melvin but from now on both men will get in events, and possibly may enter one or two of the later indoor meets. It is very likely that both Sheppard Olympic team, as both have been brilliant performers in the past and stand every chance of doing just as good work during the coming year. Sheppard especially has done some great work in the Olympic

winning in two events last year, in one of

which it was not thought that America

It will be interesting to note Flanagan's

Virginia and North Carolina will be matched in a relay race, according to pecting something to happen. Probably big schools. Johns Hopkins, Washington and Virginia will do, and Virginia is waiting to see what Georgetown will of sending teams to the meet.

**Howard Academy and Stevens** Heavies and Lights Present Leaders.

on Saturday nights in True Reformers' Hall is nearing a close with no team in any of the three leagues assured of the

For the scholastic championship in the ity secondary school series, M Street High School and Howard Academy teams are leading with games won and none lost. M Street is scheduled to meet Armstrong Saturday night, and, unless expert dope is away off, M Street is like, last year, but with a young squad de- York American League club, the national gymnasium, good teams will be bound to down yesterday fined the New York players, who have been topnotchers for office of President Johnson within a reasome time. M Street's team does not sonable time after its execution. average over 125 pounds, and is the fastest light team that the school has produced. How well it will play against the heavier academy team is a matter of

The heavyweight championship in

Public Schools Athletic League will be the Banneker School quint. The Stevens team defeated the Mott School boys the Banneker School quint. The Stevens team defeated the Mott School boys after a hard struggle in the first game of the season, and Banneker repeated the act after a harder fight, when Mott was weakened by the loss of the captain. Banneker has improved since then, under the tutelage of Coach Holland, an M Street High School player, and is in shape to put up a strong fight. Ed Gray in playing condition. has gotten his charges in excellent shape, in playing condition.

and the team is every bit as good

Stevens School quint will undoubtedly be a strong contender for lightweight honors in the city championship series. Garrison School boys, champions of the eleventh division, are the only obstacles in the path Stevens is to tread. Whether they will prove able to upset the tenth division champions is a matter of much comment TEAM STANDING.

MAGNER LOSES HIS CASE.

But New York Americans Are Fined \$50 for Failing to File Contract. CINCINNATI, Ohio, January 10 .- In refusing the request of Player E. B. Magner that he be declared a free agent and pe awarded \$66 in settlement of salary, which result. Howard Academy is favored with American League management \$50 for failure to file the player's contract in the Tuesday. In 1902 there were 1,241 nom -Magner, in his complaint, charged that the New York club invalidated its 1911 contract with him by violating a clause prohibiting his release during that season, when it released him to Rochester.

The commission found that Magner was released for the season of 1912, and that the New York club had not violated the

George Tebeau, the Kansas City mogul is negotiating for the purchase of the Lin-coln (Neb.) club of the Western League The club is in financial straits. Donald C. Despain, who secured the controlling

Washington Y. M. C. A. will open its Collegiate Association Likely indoor swimming season January 18, 1912, when, representing Washington, it will meet an all-star team representing mers of the athletic clubs of the Monumental city. This meet will be the first of a series of two, the second to be held in Baltimore some time in the near future. A handsome trophy cup has been put up, and will go to the team scoring the highest number of points in both meets. The method of scoring points will be as follows: Five points for first place, three for second and one for third; the winning relay team will get ten points and the loser six. Each team will be represented by two men in each event, except in the relay race, where four men from each team will swim.

SUMMER BALL QUESTION

Old Bugaboo of Colleges Again

Brought Up—Is the Training

Table Necessary?

BY EDWARD R. BUSHNELL. mers of the athletic clubs of the Monu-

FOR THE ATHLETICS

Second Round of Prizes for Connie Mack's World Champions.

Around the diamond is engraved the

C. Ohl, Charles A. Bender, Ira Thomas, the majority of them are known to favor John Lapp, Harry Davis, T. F. Hartsel, the abolition of the forward pass, at Kennebunk, Me.: Edward S. Plank, Gettysburg, Pa.; Harry R. Morgan, Marins Ferry, Ohio; Harry Krause, San Francisco, Cal.; D. C. Danforth, Grange- the number of downs be increased from er, Tex.; Paddy Livingstone, Cleveland; John McGinnis, Gloucester, Mass.; Ed-ward Collins, Lansdowne, Pa.; John Barry, Meriden, Conn.; Frank Baker, Trappe, Md.; Claude Derrick, Clayton, Ga.; Briscoe Lord, Upland, Pa.; Harold W. Martin, Manchester, Mass., and Dan-iel Murphy, Norwich, Conn. The trophies make a handsome New Year gift for the

This is the second trophy received by the Athletics players and officials from commission. Last year he national they received diamond buttons to wear in the lapels of their coats in honor of their winning in the world's champion-ship in 1910.

FUTURITY ENTRIES

Three Hundred and Seventy-Five Mares' Produce Eligible for Jockey Club's Fixture.

NEW YORK, January 8.-Three hunired and seventy-five entries to the Fu-M. Schaumburg, secretary of the Coney

Island Jockey Club. There are forty-five different nominators, with J. E. Madden, August Belmont and Henry T. Oxnard as the three who have made the largest number of entries. James R. Keene, for the first time since

at his Virginia farm. James B. Haggin. who seven years ago entered 350 marcs in the Futurity of that year, now has only fifteen in the stake which closed nations for the Futurity.

Mr. Schaumburg said yesterday that he hoped yet to receive entries from W. O. B. Macdonough and A. B. Spreckels, both

noted California horsemen. Following are the names of the nominators and the number of mares entered

Drewrey.

to Balk Changes.

are likely to be seriously interfered with ball rules committee which was appointed by the National Collegiate Athletic Association. This body at its annual convention in New York last week decided that the game as played last fall was eminently satisfactory, and that for 1912 the same rules should be enforced. To this end the association instructed its foot ball committee to oppose any radical changes, either looking to the elimination of the forward pass of anything that savored of a return to mass formations.

Before the season of 1911 was half finished the leading coaches throughout the east began to express severe criticisms of the playing code. Particularly they attacked the forward pass, and the best critics of the game were unanimous that this play should be abolished. Then when the championship games were played, so many resulting in 0-0 or fluke scores, the belief was everywhere expressed that the only way to maintain the propularity of only way to maintain the popularity of foot ball was to abolish the forward pass or to make some other radical changes which would restore the proper propor-tion between the offense and the defense. It is likely that when the intercollegiate foit ball rules committee meets in its

retention of the forward pass The inrepresent the old foot ball rules committee have not all expressed themselves, but three to four.
Dr. H. L. Williams of the University

that the unsatisfactory result of so many backs and to inferior coaching. His conthe forward pass the rule makers shoul the 20-yard zone, making a forward pass of any length legal. He would also allow

ams of Pennsylvania and Percy L.

fense and the defense. Practically all the big eastern teams had to abandon forward pass this year because it could not be worked successfully. Prince-ton, in her last three games, did not use the play once. It had been found that the forward pass could not be used with the other features of foot ball. when

solons meet.
The strongest argument which can urged in favor of the forward pass is that there was not a single fatality on boom this game as an opponent of Amerthe 1911 college gridiron. What few ican foot ball, but it is acting on the belief

Foolish Talk of Summer Base Ball. The National Collegiate Athletic Association at its annual meeting last week made another ineffectual effort to solve the summer base ball evil. The question was debated pro and con as it has been The association has appointed some reform. Each committee in turn has come to about the same conclusion concerning it, namely, that it was an evil very difficult to root out. The temp-tation of college men to play base ball for money has been so strong and the evil has spread so far that many investigators have contended that the only way and always fancied him.

Altoona team in the outlaw Tri-State to join the organization, and we will have a great instance that the only way and always fancied him.

Toronto figures it will have a great instance that the only way and always fancied him.

BEGINS SWIMMING SEASON.

Nautilus Club to Open Against Bal
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timore All-Star Team.

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Collegiate Association Likely

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other teams.

This suggestion was made by a number of this year's delegates, but the association showed its wisdom in refusing to consider such a proposal and in adopting a set of resolutions which aimed to abolish summer base ball. Whether or not the plan by which the association hopes to accomplish this is wise or foolish, time alone will tell. In brief, this play is to start a campaign of education among college men, students and profes-sors, and particularly among the school boys. The association seems to think that it can teach athletes a better conception of the term "amateur" and that students can be induced to consider any violation of it is as ungentlemanly. To

those who are acquainted with the readiness with which school boys and college men agree to play base ball for money this proposal looks extremely foolish. There are so many young men earning their way through school and college that way through school and college bring about reforms in the foot ball rules by that portion of the intercollegiate foot opportunity to earn twice as much money by playing base ball as they can secure from any other occupation.

It seems like a waste of time for dele-

is committed by college men playing base ball for money. That is not the question. If a college student wishes to pay his way through a university or school by means of his base ball skill, that is nobody's business but his own. However, it does become someholdy's husiness when he wishes come somebody's business when he wishes to play against men who play base ball merely for pleasure.

The fundamental idea of all amate sport is that the contest shall be even and that each side will have an equa chance to win. This is not possible when the contest is between two men, one whom has gained extra skill and exper-ence by making a business of the sport and the other who plays it merely for recreation. There is no harm in college students playing base ball or any other sport for money, but if they do that they should not expect to be candidates for the college team.

college team.

Probably the greatest difficulty which the N. C. A. A. has to wipe out summer base ball is the refusal of Yale, Princeton, Columbia and Cornell to join this association. Harvard and Pennsylvania are the only members of the former "big six" but neither institution does much more than take part in the deliberations. Harvard has been more active in this than Pennsylvania. Yale, Princeton and Cornell have taken the stand that they see no reason why they should join the association.

the surest way to break up the summer base ball evil is either to bring about the Special Dispatch to The Star. organization of an intercollegiate base ball association similar to the I. C. A. A. spasmodic. A concerted act on by all, with the enforcement of the present rules regarding summer base ball for a few years, would break up the evil perma-

Is the Training Table Necessary? Another intercollegiate body has been making use of the Christmas holidays to ble. The association of physical directors which convened in New York at the same time as the N. C. A. A. discussed this forward pass abolished have a hard fight on their hands. Probably they all will wish that they had gotten rid of this freak play when the opportunity sounded by Dr. Raycroft, now of Princepresented itself two years ago. It will ton, formerly the physical director of the be remembered that at that time the University of Chicago. Dr. Raycroft rules committee voted to abolish the forward pass altogether, and that the play was only retained at a subsequent meeting, when two members, Dr. Carl Wil-

Haughton of Harvard secured a reconsid- ed the eastern universities where the eration of the vote by proposing a plan training table has come to be a permanent which they showed that the forward nent institution all contended for its repass could be worked successfully. The tention. It was pointed out that particuplay did not work out as expected and larly for foot ball the training table was the opposition to it has been growing an absolute necessity. This is due to the fact that so many students are obliged to live in boarding houses where the food is The strongest indictment that has been made on the forward pass is that it destroys all proportion between the of-

To Boom Intercollegiate Soccer.

One of the best things which the Nadone was its appointment of a special committee to take charge of association foot ball in the colleges. Within the last few years this sport has had more rapid the other features of foot ball. when the defense was arranged to stop the for-ward pass it was a simple matter for straight foot ball to gain. And when the defense was arranged to stop straight foot ball then the forward pass would gain. All of these arguments and more will be submitted when the foot ball solons meet.

The strongest argument which can be foot ball in the colleges. Within the last few years this sport has had more rapid development than any other in the history of college athletics. It has taken hold at practically every university, college and preparatory school in the country, and now that spectators are beginning to understand the game it promises to become a serious rival to some of the present materials.

deaths occurred were from games in that there is plenty of room for the de-which the competing teams were school velopment of the two games. American which the competing teams were school boys or club men. Of course, the opponents of the forward pass can point to the fact that the freedom from injuries was not necessarily due to the forward pass, but the other element will have a strong argument that the new rules should be left alone as long as they have reduced injuries and are comparatively satisfactory.

velopment of the two games. American rugby foot ball is such a strenuous sport that participation in it is limited largely to men of physique better than the average. Association foot ball, on the contrary, appeals to all classes of students. As a helpful exercise it probably has no equal in the field of college athletics, and this new move on the part of the N. C. A. A. is bound to be very popular.

The story that Jack Tighe releases Howard W. Baker from the Holyoke club eased him from Louisville because the

sure he can show Wolverton that he is fast enough for the American League and Arthur Irwin is said to look with favor on him. Irwin managed the old



WINTER EXERCISE WOULD CUT DOWN TRAINING PERIOD

Detroit Club Doctor Suggests That Players Take Care of Themselves During Off Season.

DETROIT, January 8.-According to Dr. a waste of time. men, for twelve months in the year, but day would be a spiendid thing, especially for those tossers who are disposed to

Some of the men who pastime on the diamond for a living keep themselves in leave and he is hustling around doing shape all the year around, but there are a large number whose hardest athletic stunts between seasons are walking into the dining room three times a day and throwing an occasional shovelful of coal

two classes, first, getting ready to prac- enthusiastic over the preparatory stunts. tice, and second, practice itself. As almost In fact, Jennings was just as gingery in weight by the wholesale can attest, there is small joy involved in the process. It is hard work all the way through. Nearly every one of the fleshy boys announces annually after he has succeeded in getting down to the proper figure that never again will he allow himself to get so out

again will be allow himself to get so out of shape. Then the next winter he lets the adipose tissue pile up just the same as ever.

Would Facilitate Matters.

There is no question that if it were possible to send a ball club south with half the show.

takes a week or more in Dixle for some his gyrations and listening to his line of of the big fellows to get into good enough condition so that they really can get any real results in the way of refreshing their knowledge of how to handle the ball or thankfulness among his friends.

that summer base ball flourishes just as and a lot of hard and tedious work could twenty or thirty pounds within a commuch at the big universities as it does be eliminated if the players would take paratively short time. As ball players while one of the bg universities makes a systematic exercise in the winter months. spasmodic effort to break up summer base Dr. Keane does not mean to recommend that ball players keep in training, in the spasmodic. A concentration of the ball players keep in training, in the spasmodic. men, for twelve months in the year, but he believes that a little exercise every Hughie Jennings rapidly is regaining his day would be a spiendid thing, especially strength and there is every reason to be lieve that he will go south in the spring in good enough condition to discharge the active duties of his position. Hughle is a hard worker on the field. He often is the something all the time.

Never Is Still.

At Monroe last spring the flame-haired boss never was still, it seemed, and his before the crowds at Bennett Park, and that is saying a good deal. Had the result of his experience in the automobile accident been an injury that would have kept him on the bench, Detroit fans would have had cause to mourn. His antics on the coaching lines

half the show.

President Witman of United States League Makes a Startling Declaration.

READING, Pa., January 9. - "The cide on the eighth city," declared W. Abbott Witman president of the organizaterday. Mr. Witman said that a meeting of the league will be held in about ten would realize the strength we have. We days, when the eighth city will be decided upon. He said: "Chicago, Cleveland, Philadelphia, Baltimore and Louisville parties are anxious to join the organization, and we will have

want to locate in each city want a team at any expense. The magnates of the big leagues will be surprised at the start we have made. The league will positively "Many of the leaders present thought

Reading too small for the league, but when I informed them of the local situetion it was unanimously agreed that the city should be a member of the organization. There will be no trouble to get players and managers Several big leaguers want to take hold of our teams. That the organized base ball men fear us was evidenced at the meeting by the presence of Thomas Lynch, president of the National League, and John McGraw of the New York National team. They were around the hotel to ascertain how many men from organized ball we have interested.

"We did not organize the league for the purpose of fighting organized ball, but as soon as they fight us we will come back strong. There is enough money back of the new league to induce many stars to join. If I would mention the names of the prominent base ball men who want to get in the league the fans would realize the strength we have. will ask the national commission for pro-tection, but know in advance that it will be denied. The league will be a success without protection

It's the Simplest Thing in the World to Catch a Squirrel

Robert Kelly ......



By "Bud" Fisher

